

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**In the specification:**

On page 1 of the English translation of the specification, above the paragraph entitled "FIELD OF THE INVENTION," please replace the "CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage of PCT application PCT/JP99/07198, filed December 22, 1999, which claims priority of Japanese Application Serial Number 366719/1998, filed December 24, 1998, ~~the disclosures of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~—